Emergency Water Conservation Regulation Update

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Status of Implementation

• Water production numbers collected from June 2014 through November 2015 (18 months)

• Sixth month with statewide goal to reduce total potable urban water use by 25 percent

• 405 (of 411) suppliers submitted November reports

• 1,500+ small water suppliers submitted reports
Statewide, November 2015 was cooler and wetter than November 2013.

Statewide Water Conservation Results

Water Production Percentage Reduction (Compared to 2013)

November 2015 savings (30.7 billion gallons) is two times greater than November 2014 savings (15.8 billion gallons)
Cumulative Savings (June - November 2015)

- 1,009,387 acre-feet (328.9 billion gallons) of water saved
- This is 84% of savings goal
- Savings is enough to provide 5 million Californians with water for one year
Statewide Monthly Average Residential Gallons per Capita per Day

Average statewide November 2015 R-GPCD = 75
Small Water Supplier Reports

• Water use report for suppliers with 3,000 or fewer customers.

• Suppliers can comply by:
  – Limiting outdoor landscape irrigation to no more than two days per week, OR
  – Reducing June through November 2015 total potable water production by 25 percent, as compared to 2013.
> 25% Water Saved
228 suppliers (15%)

> 25% Water Saved AND Max 2 Days/Week Irrigation
589 suppliers (38%)

Max 2 Days/Week Irrigation
415 suppliers (27%)

Not in Compliance
209 suppliers (13%)

Compliance not Assessed*
109 suppliers (7%)

In Compliance
1,232 suppliers (80%)

* Due to incomplete monthly total water production data.
Next Steps

• January 6 - comments on staff-proposed framework for next iteration of emergency regulation due.

• Mid-January - release draft updated emergency regulation for public comment.

• Early February – Board consideration of updated emergency regulation.